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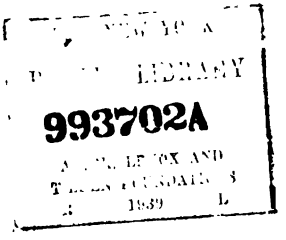

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CHILDREN'S SONG OF CHRIST'S BIRTH.

Hail to the Infant that lay in the manger,
So sang the shepherds, so sing we to-day.
Angels saluted the heavenly Stranger,
Still will He welcome the homage we pay.

Hail! blessed Jesus, the Friend of the children;
"Suffer them," said He, "to come unto me,"
Folding them tenderly unto His bosom;
Men stand in wonder and awe, as they see.

Our heart's truest service we joyfully render.
Who shall forbid us, when Jesus says "Come?"
Praises of children are sweet to the Saviour,
He said, that of such is His heavenly Home.

Hosanna! Hosanna! we sing unto Jesus,
In Bethlehem born for our Saviour and King;
We'll love Him, and serve Him, and praise Him forever,
Accept now, dear Jesus, the tribute we bring.

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As He walks His holy way,
"Daughter, now thy faith hath saved thee,
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See Him walk upon the water;
His disciples, filled with dread,
Hear in joy His gentle accents,
"It is I, be not afraid."

See the deaf, the lame, the leprous,
Finding healing, strength and rest.
See the sinner, heavy laden,
Go forgiven, saved and blest.

When the multitude had waited
Days and nights upon His word;
Without food had lingered near Him,
His divine compassion stirred.

By His power He fed the thousands
From a small and scanty store;
And when all were filled and strengthened,
There was still enough for more.

To the tale of human sorrow
Never turned He yet away.
This the Saviour whom we worship
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'Tis darkness over all the land;
The people are afraid.

XIV. And unto the women the angel said:
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"The Lord is risen; be not afraid,
But come and see where His form was laid;
Then go your way the glad news to tell
To disciples and friends He loved so well."

XV. Two sad disciples met Him by the way;
In tenderness He taught them of the Word,
But they wist not their teacher was their Lord.

XVI. Till the glory of God spreads o'er land and o'er sea;
And the whole earth shall join in one glad jubilee.
Then praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
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Shall fill the saddened earth with peace and light.

O, tell them that new-born, that heavenly Stranger,
By Virgin-Mother watched in wondering love —
That beauteous Babe, lying in Bethlehem's manger —
Is Israel's Shepherd, promised from above.

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On Emmaus' road when walking on that day,
Two sad disciples met Him by the way;
In tenderness He taught them of the Word,
But they wist not their teacher was their Lord.

Thus they constrained Him, "It is eventide,
Far spent the day is — then with us abide,"
And as He blessed and brake the bread that night
They knew Him — and He vanished from their sight.

In patient, tender love He taught them still,
How He had come the Scriptures to fulfill:
Showed unto them his piercèd hands and feet,
And, with His own, their simple fare did eat.

And when at last His work on earth was o'er —
To Bethany He led them forth once more;
With lifted hands His blessing there was given,
Then passed He from them, through the clouds, to Heaven.

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In tenderness He taught them of the Word,
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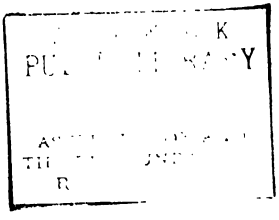

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Sing, sing, ye people, and shout, shout for joy,
For Satan, our foe, Jesus came to destroy,
To our great Deliverer our honors we pay,
Shouting His praises on this Christmas Day.

The heathen in darkness are seeing the light;
The morning now dawns after blackness of night;
The idols are falling, and hearing the word,
The nations are putting their trust in the Lord.

O, give us, dear Saviour, a heart full of love!
As Christ, our example, came down from above
To rescue the perishing — so may we go,
And tell the glad message till all men shall know:

Till the glory of God spreads o'er land and o'er sea,
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